

NOT BAR GOODS MADE BY CONVICTS

Pretty Well Settled That the House Committee Will Not Report Such a Bill.

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It is pretty well understood that the House Committee on Interstate Commerce will not report any of the bills referred to it prohibiting prison-made goods from becoming articles of interstate commerce. The committee investigated the proposed legislation very fully, and has practically reached the conclusion indicated.

Representative workmen advocated legislation which should prevent convict labor coming into competition with honest labor, and it was manifest that the majority of the committee regarded this argument as a strong one.

On the other hand, the heads of many penal institutions throughout the country were heard from, either in person or by letter, by the committee, and it is believed that without exception such officials oppose any legislation which would prevent the occupation of convicts at labor of some kind.

Many stories were told illustrating the experiences of institutions where the inmates were prohibited from working. In some cases the percentage of insane patients became so large as to compel the State Legislatures to take action providing employment for convicts. New York State had a law for some time which prohibited convicts working, and the result was many suicides and many more lunatics.

While the committee deprecates the necessity of forcing honest labor to compete in any degree with the labor of convicts, yet conditions are such that this cannot be avoided, although in most States such competition is kept at a minimum. It is a striking fact which developed that nearly every member of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is opposed to the system which hires out a State's convicts to private individuals or corporations.

FELLHEIMER'S

Broad and Third Sts.



Royal Brand

Easter Monday

Will be a busy day here. Special values through the entire store.

Have you seen the Belt Coat and Bloomer Pants Suits, with one pair extra pants? All for

\$4.00

Blue Serge Bloomer Suits, Easter Monday...

\$4.00

Bloomer Suits, all sizes, from

\$3.00

Special Bloomer Pants, sizes from 3 to 8; all colors. Special

59c

Special Bloomer Pants, sizes from 9 to 16; all colors. Special

98c

Wash Suit Special

All the new shades in Easter Brown style, fast colors; sizes 2 to 8

98c

FREE—A Bat and Ball or a Mit with every Boy's Suit from \$2.50 up.

L. Fellheimer,
Broad and Third Streets.

BOWERS WILL Sell His Brains.

408 American Bank Bldg.

Miller & Rhoads

Mail orders filled at advertised prices.

Great Bargains in Women's Suits, Coats and Waists Many at Half Price

With the close of business last night a new record was established in the early spring business of this department.

Last year's business was extraordinarily good—this season's exceeded it.

To make such a record it was necessary to carry a large and varied stock.

The natural consequence is that many lots have gotten down to one and two of a style or color.

For to-morrow's sale these broken lots have been grouped together and sold at prices in many instances one half the original figures. New up-to-date garments for spring wear.

\$14.75 to \$19.50 Suits

Coat Suits, semi or tight-fitting, in chiffon, Panamas, fancy checks and checked chevrons, Copenhagen, brown, navy and a few black. Great collection of values in this lot.

\$12.25

\$22.50 to \$29.50 Suits

About 100 Suits in this collection; worsteds in brown and white and black and white stripes, also Panamas in light brown, Copenhagen blue and black. Stylish Suits at a sacrifice.

\$17.25

Net and Silk Waists

Values up to \$6.95. The nets are in ecru and white, and the silks in black, navy and brown taffeta; assorted styles. Some great bargains in this collection. White Lawn and Dotted Swiss Waists, values to \$1.50, now 55c.

\$2.95

\$12.75 to \$16.75 Suits

Fancy worsteds, homespun and Panamas, in various styles of coat suits, light gray, black and navy. Best materials at the original prices and splendidly tailored.

\$8.25

Children's and Women's Coats

\$3.95 and \$4.95 values. Elton and short tight-fitting coat styles, in black and tan. Excellent cloth. Best values at original prices.

\$1.95

\$12.50 to \$17.50 Raincoats

Vulcanized Rubber Coats, in plaid silks and mercerized effects. Guaranteed rainproof. Half price in some cases.

\$8.25

Peter Thomson Suits,

\$7.50 to \$10 value. All sizes for girls and misses. Finely tailored Suits, in brown and navy; stylishly made.

\$5.00

Embroid'd Swiss and Plaid Lawns 12½c yd

Goods like these have been sold for 10c. So you'll see what bargains they are. The SWISS have daintily embroidered a stripe; the LAWNS are fine sheer cloths in different sizes, checks and plaids.

DOTTED SWISS and PLAID LAWNS, 15c value, 8 3-4c yd. (Main Floor, Centre.)

Long Cloths Under Price

Every number we have in Long Cloth is now being sold under its regular price. It's the greatest opportunity of getting sheer, fine, white goods at a reduction.

\$1.45 Long Cloth for \$1.15 a piece is a sample of the values offered. (Main Floor, Centre.)

\$3 Linen Pillow Cases, \$2 pr

Pure Irish Linen Hand-Embroidered Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches. The value is \$3 pair. Our present price, \$2 pair.

Pure Linen PILLOW CASES, 45x36 inches; special value, \$1 pair. (Main Floor, West.)

Linen Sheets, \$5 pair

They'd Be Cheap at \$6.50. 60x90 inches, double bed size, all pure linen, with a soft round thread.

At the present price of linen these Sheets would be good values at \$6.50. They're big bargains at \$5. (Main Floor, West.)

German Mercerized Damask

Special Prices. Finest Quality German Damask that's imported into America. They'll launder and look as well as the regular \$1.50 linen damask.

55 inches wide, 50c yd. 64 inches wide, 50c yd. 70 inches wide, 60c yd. (Main Floor, West.)

50c Linen Suits, 33c yd

Fine, sheer, all-linen goods, 36 inches wide. Regular 50c Suits that we can offer for 33c yd. A great bargain, as is another pure linen Suing a yard wide for 25c yd.

(Main Floor, West.)

Kimonos

Attractive in Style, Finish and Price.

CHALLIE KIMONOS, in cashmere colors, solid color facings; very dainty effects, \$2.50.

LONG CREPE KIMONOS, white, light blue and pink grounds, with large chrysanthemum effects; handsome negligees, \$3.

LONG SILK KIMONOS, good quality China silk; white grounds with large floral designs, \$7.

SILK TEA GOWNS, in light blue or pink, trimmed with lace, \$13.50, \$18.50 and \$25.

(Second Floor, East.)

All New Mattings

Each roll passed by the government inspectors in China and Japan and marked O. K.—re-examined by our experts upon arrival in Richmond.

No imperfect Mattings offered for sale in this store.

CHINA MATTINGS, all colors, in checks and stripes, 28c, 25c and 28c yd.

CHINA MATTING, hand palm-ed, fine pin stripes, checks, etc.; all colors; regular 45c quality, 35c yd.

The above prices include laying. (Third Floor, Sixth Street.)

Wedding Presents A Few Suggestions

It's impossible to make any mistake if your selection is made from our stock of Silverware, Cut Glass and Fine China.

In the Quadruple Silver Plate Plate section are Soup Tureens, \$5.80, \$7.80, \$12.80.

Baking Dishes, \$4.80, \$5.98 to \$7.80.

Tea Sets, 5 pieces, new shapes, \$15.80.

Tea Sets, 5 pieces, colonial shape, beaded edge, \$17.80.

Fern Dishes, assorted shapes, \$1.25 to \$12.98.

These pieces are all new, extra heavy weight and richly decorated.

Our Cut Glass comes from the leading factories of America; richest, deepest cuttings and by comparison the lowest prices.

Celery Trays, handsome pieces, \$3.50.

8-Inch Bowls, finely polished \$4.50 and \$5.

French China pieces are always acceptable. We import our china direct, which means a saving of at least 20 per cent.

Cake Plates, oblong shape, \$1.39.

Other patterns, richly decorated, up to \$3.98.

Mayonnaise Dishes and Plates, \$1.39 to \$3.89.

Covered Baking Dishes, hand-painted, rich, handsome pieces, \$8.89.

Nothing more serviceable than Dinner Sets for housekeepers.

Four specials noted to-day, any one of which will give full value received in long service.

Naviland Sets, 102 pieces, floral decorations, very rich, \$33.

Thin Austrian Dinner Sets, 102 pieces—new design, in green, \$20.

Another style, with Dutch shape pieces and a delicate double border, \$35.50.

A third style has a double border of green leaves interlaced with gold; something very rich and attractive looking, \$39.89. (Basement, East.)

HOW OUR MERCHANDISE CAN BE SOLD AT LOW PRICES.

The running machinery of a great store like this is an interesting object for study.

Apparently complex to the eye of the ordinary observer, who only sees the bustle and crowd on a busy day—in reality an almost perfect mechanism, simple in construction and operation when understood.

The success of this store is due largely to the knowledge and skill displayed in FORECASTING months ahead the styles that will be most in demand, and bringing such merchandise to Richmond both from the home and foreign manufacturers.

Another matter of surprise to many is the very small advance over the original cost at which all sorts of merchandise is delivered to your homes.

Low prices such as prevail at Miller & Rhoads are only possible in a thoroughly organized establishment, whose output and business connections at home and abroad makes buying in large quantities a possibility.

A Display of Handsome Curtains

You'll find the finest collection in Richmond on our third floor, and from comments we hear, the prices are the lowest in the city for equal values.

Remember that fact when buying your curtains this week.

Muslin Curtains, plain and figured, ruffled and fluted edge, 50c, 80c, \$1 and \$1.19 pair.

Plain Muslin Curtains, tamboured edge, something new and pretty, \$1.75 pair.

Net Curtains, 3 yards long, flat or ruffled, renaissance edge and insertion, white or Arab, \$1.50.

Scotch Madras Curtains, in two-tone effects of green, rose, pink, blue, black, corn, etc., \$2.75, \$3 and \$4.50 pair.

New Mission Curtains, 3 yards long, embroidered designs, in green, reds and blues, \$5 pair.

(Third Floor, West.)

Silks

Great Values for To-morrow's Selling

Read the bargain news to-day and examine the Silks to-morrow.

You'll agree with us that values like these Silks are only obtainable here.

40c and 50c for 58c values, ROUGH DOTTED Suitings, in navy, brown, reseda and tan; and SHEPHERD'S CHECKS and NOVELTY STRIPE TAFFETAS, in the most wanted designs.

59c yard for Black Peau De Cygne, a regular 75c value; also ALL SILK ROUGH SUITINGS, in navy, tan and white, NOVELTY STRIPE TAFFETAS, PLAIN TAFFETAS and CHEVRON SERGE STRIPES.

Very Pretty SHOWER-PROOF FOULARDS, in dots, rings, figures and stripes, at 85c yd.; and extra good value in 32-inch BLACK TAFFETA, 80c yd.

Our 35-inch BLACK TAFFETA at \$1 yard is also a special value at the price. Very strong and lustrous.

Miller & Rhoads

New Laces:---gains of the Season.

Last week we bought ten thousand yards of new Laces at figures close to half price.

All new Spring designs. They'll go on sale to-morrow morning. Shop early.

Venise Bands, 12½c yd

Irish crochet designs; worth 19c and 25c yd.

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Filet and Irish crochet designs; worth 25c and 33c yd.

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Filet and Irish crochet designs; regular 39c and 50c values.

Cotton Lace Beading, 12½c piece

Two popular patterns, 6 yards to the piece; regular 20c value.

Chantilly Bands, 10c yd

2 to 4 inches wide; white, ecru and black; 15c to 25c values.

Linen Torchon, 6c yd

All linen goods, 1 1-2 to 3 inches wide; worth 8c and 10c yd.

Black Tosca Net, 69c yd

45 inches wide, and worth regularly \$1 yard.

Dress Nets, 59c yd

White Dress Nets, 45 inches wide, in dotted and figured effects; regular value 69c to 85c yd.

New Dress Goods

Greatest Values We've Shown This Spring

The items named below need no further comment as to their values.

Seasonable dress goods at prices far below what you ordinarily expect.

Particular attention is called to the dress patterns, which are in this season's newest stripes and colorings.

8-yard pattern Black and White MARQUETTE CHEVRON STRIPE; formerly \$20, now \$15.84.

8-yard pattern Porcelain Blue STRIPED DENTELLE; formerly \$24, now \$15.84.

8-yard pattern RIBBON STRIPE BROWN DENTELLE FILET; formerly \$28, now \$15.84.

8-yard pattern JAPON BLUE AMBROSETTE VOILE; formerly \$14.00, now \$10.

8-yard pattern Light Brown

PIN STRIPE VOILE; formerly \$14, now \$10.

8-yard pattern TAN STRIPE SUITING; formerly \$16, now \$12 pattern.

STRIPED AND MIXED SUITINGS; formerly \$1.50 yard, now 98c yd.

NOVELTY MOHAIR SUITINGS; formerly \$1 yard, now 60c yd.

NOVELTY PLAIDS, imported goods; formerly \$1.50 yard, now 60c yd.

VOILE NINON, in tan plaids; formerly \$2 yard, now \$1 yard.

Pillow-Slip Materials, 50c



One of the designs is illustrated to-day.

Fine quality linen lawn, beautifully stamped in colors for embroidery, colored embroidery cotton and a pattern to work by all for 50c.

A finished embroidered pillow like this sells for five dollars.

Pillow Slips of figured muslin, in daintily stamped designs of pink and blue, ruffle of self-material and trimmed with lace, 20c.

Other Pillow Slips, 40c and 50c, with Scarfs to match, at the same prices.

(Second Floor, Sixth Street.)

New Wash Goods Worth Your Attention

They're pretty, they're plentiful (though many pieces are exclusive patterns) and they're cheap in price.

Each piece was bought because in our judgment it was the best that could be had in design and quality at the price.

Flowered Organdes, 25c yd

All 30c to 50c goods, but we wish to close out these particular patterns.

Plain or barred fabrics, with large designs; very rich flower effects.

Silk Poppins, 29c

Soft, shimmering, silk-like goods 27 inches wide, navy, heliotrope, brown, light blue, Copenhagen, garnet, green, pink, white and black.

(Main Floor, Sixth Street.)

Fancy Galatea, 16 2-3c yd

Best fabric you've ever used at the price for women's and boys' suits and blouses.

Splendid goods for rough usage—doesn't split and very hard to tear. Dozens of patterns in all colors.

Linen Lustre, 15c yd

Genuine linen effect in the appearance and wear of these goods, but only a partial linen weave; 27 inches wide, pink, blue, linen, lavender, gray and red—a decidedly good value.

STREET CLEANING

Superintendent Cohn, in Annual Report, Recommends New Ordinances.

Superintendent Henry J. Cohn, of the Street Cleaning Department, received from the printer yesterday his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1907. At the conclusion of the report, which covers the work of the department in detail, Superintendent Cohn recommends the adoption of city ordinances to cover the following matters:

To prevent streets from being dug up at any and all times and requiring the city department, contractor or company opening the street to replace the paving or roadbed in satisfactory manner.

To require householders to provide metal receptacles for ashes and garbage.

To prescribe a time limit to the use of streets for building material, to prevent building material from being stacked in the street for an indefinite period when the erection of the building is delayed.

To prevent sand from being dumped loose in the street, and to require the use of bins.

To require property owners or tenants to remove growing grass from sidewalks adjoining property.

To cause the occupants of any and all buildings to have their sidewalks swept off between certain hours, thus aiding the street sweeping force, instead of sweeping dirt into a street which has just been cleaned.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Negroes to Give Performance Here This Week.

With one more rehearsal to-morrow, the colored people will be ready to present their great Music Festival, the

first of its kind ever attempted by negroes in the South. The undertaking has cost the Tuesday Club, a music organization, in which many of the leading colored men here are interested, much money in the way of preparations, but they are bearing the expense cheerfully and relying solely upon the edifying features of the production. They have secured the very best talent of their race from all parts of the country. The program will be as follows:

"Jehovah" (Lerman), setting forth

the attributes of God. Overture, or orchestra, two pianos and Grand organ. "Hear, O Israel," chorus of 150 voices (Lerman). "Thus Saith the Lord," bass solo, recitative and air, J. D. Russell. "Whither Shall I Go," soprano solo, by "Black Melba" (Susie Bell Anderson). "God Is Not a Man," chorus, contralto solo, Cora Eppes. "The Eyes of the Lord, quartet and chorus; quartet, Susie Bell Anderson, Cora Eppes, Eugene Griffin and J. D. Bushnell. "He Is Wise in Heart," tenor solo, Eugene Griffin. "With Deepest Reverence,"

doublet quartet. "For My Thoughts Are Not Your Thoughts," solo and chorus; solo by "Black Melba."

PART II. Overture, orchestra. "Great Is the Lord," duet, "Black Melba" and Cora B. Eppes (from Jehovah). "And One Cried Unto Another," quartet, "Black Melba," soprano; Cora Harris, contralto; Thomas Crump, tenor; J. W. Moore, basso. "Holy Lord God Almighty," chorus (from "Jehovah"). "Lord, Thy Glory Fills Heaven," soprano solo, Susie Bell Anderson ("Black Melba").

TO VISIT SISTER LODGE

Friendship Lodge, of Richmond, Will Make Pilgrimage to Petersburg.